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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No.: 10/734,547  
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Filing Date: December 12, 2003  
Inventor(s): Richard EWERS et al.  
Title: APPARATUS AND METHODS FOR FORMING AND  
SECURING GASTROINTESTINAL TISSUE FOLDS  
Examiner: Julian W. Woo  
Group Art Unit: 3773

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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed September 25, 2008, in the above-identified United States Patent Application. Filed herewith is a petition and fee for a two month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to February 25, 2009. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Also filed herewith is a Request for Continued Examination.

Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the Remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.